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This has been one of the ideas worries me the most. I am concerned that the providers of long term funding will expect and receive unfair consideration in terms of deciding where MLPAs will be located and what the level of protection/exclusion will be. This idea of soliciting long term funding outside of government sources seems to be something that could give the perception of, if not actually selling influence to decide access to state lands and ocean areas.

A large well funded environmental group could attempt to sway the focus of the MLPA via the power of its funding, by the same token a commercial entity could also attempt to achieve a diametrically apposed outcome using similar methods. The best outcome could be a environmental group matching funding against a commercial entity, creating a well funded stalemate of competing demands resulting in an unencumbered MLPA.

Do not sell out our access to the ocean nor our ability to protect our natural resources. These are not mutually exclusive positions. If the MLPA's goals are important enough that demands the state government manage them, then they are important enough to fund via government sources.

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